

FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20426

July 10, 2003

In Reply Refer To:
Docket Nos. EL02-1-000 and
EL02-21-000
(consolidated)

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Dear Ms. Weinstein:

1. On May 5, 2003, on behalf of Southwestern Public Service Company and Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc., you filed in the above-referenced dockets a Settlement Agreement. You also submitted an Explanatory Statement concerning the Settlement Agreement. On May 27, 2003, you filed an Errata, correcting typographical errors and references, which made no substantive changes.
2. Comments in support of the Settlement Agreement were filed by the Commission Trial Staff on May 22, 2003. On June 2, 2003, the Settlement Judge certified the Settlement to the Commission as uncontested.
3. The subject settlement is in the public interest and is hereby approved. The Commission's approval of this settlement does not constitute approval of, or precedent regarding, any principle or issue in this proceeding. The Commission retains the right to investigate the rates, terms, and conditions under the just and reasonable and not unduly discriminatory or preferential standard of Section 206 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 824e (2002).

4. This letter order terminates Docket Nos. EL02-1-000 and EL02-21-000.

By direction of the Commission.

Magalie R. Salas,
Secretary.

cc: All Parties

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